

**Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP** RECEIVED  
 Intellectual Property Law CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
 JUN 30 2006

2040 Main Street  
 Fourteenth Floor  
 Irvine, CA 92614  
 Tel 949-760-0404  
 Fax 949-760-9502  
[www.kmob.com](http://www.kmob.com)

## USPTO FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Page 1 of 2

Docket No.: ENDIUS.031A

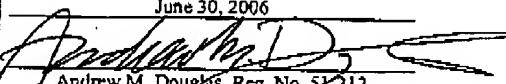
**CUSTOMER NO. 20995**

Applicant	: Gene DiPoto
App. No.	: 10/693,815
Filed	: October 24, 2003
For	: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR STABILIZING THE SPINE THROUGH AN ACCESS DEVICE
Examiner	: Anuradha Ramana
Group Art Unit	: 3733

## CERTIFICATE OF FAX TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being transmitted via facsimile to the USPTO Central Fax No. (571) 273-8300 on the date shown below:

June 30, 2006


 Andrew M. Douglas, Reg. No. 51,212

Transmitted herewith for filing and consideration in the above-referenced application are the following items:

(X) Response to Restriction Requirement in 8 pages.

## FILING FEES:

FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		FEES CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
Total Claims minus 20; or Previously Paid	39 - 39 = 0	1202 (\$50)	0 x 50 =	\$0
Independent minus 3; or Previously Paid	4 - 4 = 0	1201 (\$200)	0 x 200 =	\$0
1 Month Extension		1251 (\$120)		\$120
			<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>	<b>\$120</b>

(X) Please charge the total fees due in the amount of \$120 to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

(X) Total pages in transmission: 10

07/05/2006 AWONDAF1 00000122 111410 10693815

01 FC:1251 120.00 DA

San Diego  
619-235-8550

San Francisco  
415-954-4114

Los Angeles  
310-551-3450

Riverside  
951-781-9291

San Luis Obispo  
805-547-5580

PAGE 1/10 \* RCVD AT 6/30/2006 6:59:08 PM [Eastern Daylight Time] \* SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-5/8 \* DNIS:2738300 \* CSID:949 760 9502 \* DURATION (mm:ss):02:32

Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP

Application No.: 10/693,815  
Filing Date: October 24, 2003

**CUSTOMER NO. 20995**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 11-1410.

  
Andrew M. Douglas  
Registration No. 51,212  
Attorney of Record  
Customer No. 20,995  
(949) 760-0404

2725352  
063006

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
JUN 30 2006

ENDIUS.031A

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

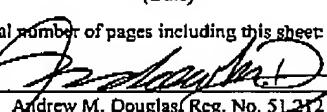
Applicant : Gene DiPoto  
 Appl. No. : 10/693,815  
 Filed : October 24, 2003  
 For : METHODS AND APPARATUSES  
       FOR STABILIZING THE SPINE  
       THROUGH AN ACCESS DEVICE  
 Examiner : Anuradha Rannana  
 Group Art Unit : 3733

CERTIFICATE OF FAX TRANSMISSION  
PTO CENTRALIZED FAX

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all  
 marked attachments, are being transmitted via  
 facsimile to the USPTO centralized Fax No.  
 (571) 273-8300 on the date shown below:

June 30, 2006  
(Date)

Total number of pages including this sheet: 8


 Andrew M. Douglas, Reg. No. 51,312

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF MAY 1, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement of May 1, 2006 in the above-captioned application.

A Listing of Claims pending after this response begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.